And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

The New Avengers and Tony Stark have known there is a shape-shifting alien Skrull infestation on Earth. But they couldn't detect the Skrulls and can't trust anyone to be who they seem to be. Including themselves.

This has sent the heroes into a tailspin of mistrust. But now the invasion has begun. An invasion masterminded by the once-exiled queen Veranke of the Skrull Empire. A religious extremist who believes that the Earth is part of the Skrull Empire and has been decreed so in the writings of the Skrull Book of Worlds

The queen is one of several Skrull agents that have replaced key members of the Earth's world of super-powered protectors. She chose Jessica Drew, once an agent of Hydra, once an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. And now an Avenger.

As far as the Avengers know, Jessica had lost her powers and Hydra had offered to get them back for her if she would act as a double agent. She went directly to S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Nick Fury and told him the truth, but Fury, surprised Jessica by telling her to take the deal.

She was working in secret with Fury until Fury quit S.H.I.E.L.D. and went underground. Since then she has been a double agent reporting only to Fury but Fury is no longer in charge.

As far as the Avengers know, every day has been a death-defying double cross for Jessica. And then Captain America made her an Avenger, putting her in even more danger. Putting her in a horrible position. The Avengers agree to work with her and Fury to find out who is behind all the mysterious goings-on.

But this is what really happened...

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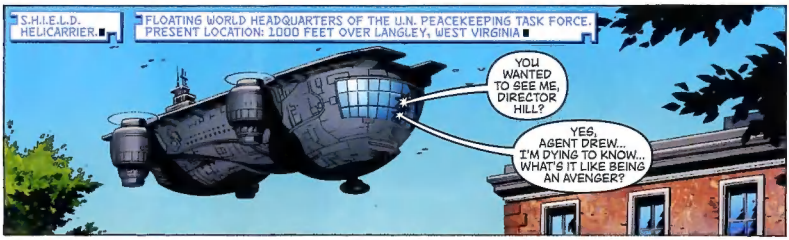
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FLOATING WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF THE U.N. PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE. PRESENT LOCATION: 1000 FEET OVER LANGLEY, WEST VIRGINIA
YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, DIRECTOR HILL?
YES, AGENT DREW... I'M DYING TO KNOW... WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING AN AVENGER?

WELL, MS. HILL, OTHER THAN MYSTERIOUS PEOPLE ALWAYS TRYING TO *KILL* YOU, IT'S PRETTY GOOD.
AN AVENGER NOW.
YES, MA'AM.
WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU SPOKE TO THE WOMAN WE CALL MADAME HYDRA?
YOU KNOW, THE TERRORIST.

THAT'S IN MY FILE.

HOW UP TO DATE *IS* THAT FILE. DOES IT INCLUDE... *RECENTLY?*
MA'AM?

I-I WON'T LIE TO YOU-- I GET SQUIRRELY HAVING EX-TERRORISTS ON THIS SHIP.
YOU *INVITED* ME HERE.

YOU MAKE ME NERVOUS. *MY* SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING ABOUT YOU.

WELL, YOUR PREDECESSOR HAD A GREAT DEAL OF *RESPECT* FOR ME AND MY JOURNEY FROM PARENTS WHO WERE HYDRA SCIENTISTS TO NOW...

FURY DOESN'T WORK HERE ANYMORE.

CLEARLY.

DISMISSED.